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On behalf of the people of San Pedro Town, I extend a warm welcome to all visitors arriving to our shores. I assure you that your trip to "La Isla Bonita" will be no ordinary vacation. Our island is famous for its rich cultural diversity, where Mestizos, Creole and Garinagu blend to form a unique encounter. While here, I encourage you to explore the Caribbean Sea and find Belize's abundant treasures. Hol Chan Marine Reserve and Shark-Ray Alley are just two of the many spots where you can enjoy our coral reef formation and abundant and breath-

away. You will also be able to discover Belize's vast cave systems and many natural sanctuaries that are home to our country's unique flora and fauna.

Whether you are spending your honeymoon at an exclusive resort or looking for an adventurous, yet romantic escape, San Pedro is surely the place to be. I invite you to explore our home and see the many wonders it has to offer.

We welcome you with open arms. Bienvenidos a San Pedro!

*Elsa Paz, Mayor,
San Pedro Town*

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Sharon Metcalfe (AKA Sharon Stone/Blondie) took some well deserved weeks off and travelled home to Canada to be with her family. While there, our favorite Sushi chef took some fun pictures with *The San Pedro Sun*; one with the Ogoopogo, a legendary lake monster that lives in the Okanogan Lake, Kelowna British Columbia (B.C.), Canada.

The other is of the big Okanogan apple hot dog stand at Gyro Beach, Kelowna in B.C. Canada.



Photos taken in unique and unusual places are preferred. Be sure to identify who is in the photo and where the photo was taken. Don't forget to include your names and what you were doing.



Island Perk - Get your Java on!

How do you enjoy your coffee? At Island Perk, the variations of the favorite pick me up are endless ... and available in an assortment of exciting flavors. Recently open as of August 12th, 2006, the locale, situated in front of Fido's Courtyard, is the perfect place to start the day.

Although everyone knows coffee as a hot drink, Island Perk has three different ways in which you can enjoy this favorite brew, especially on a hot Caribbean day. Hot, cold or frapped (blended with ice); server David Singh can prepare it any way so that you may enjoy it properly. However, enjoying your coffee with one or a combination of flavors makes the coffee experience even better. Try mixing your coffee with hazelnut, cherry, raspberry, or-

ange, caramel, Irish mint, or chocolate mint flavorings among others. It will certainly give the infusion a whole new spin.

The all time classics are of course available. For the perfect Americano, made with delicious Espresso, you have got to stop at Island Perk. Plus try all the various drinks not to mention the Espresso, mocha and cappuccinos. Have a regular, a grande or any way you want it.

The flavors mentioned above also come in alcoholic form (Perk It UP!). Adding a shot of your favorite liqueurs to your coffee will certainly bring a new taste to your traditional coffee. Island Perk gives coffee a completely new spin with the addition of the great Espressotini's. Owner Coleen



Hot, cold or frapped (blended with ice); server David Singh can prepare your coffee any way so that you may enjoy it properly. Plus with their new shipment of Italian syrups, there is a wider variety of flavors to choose from!

Creeden, stumbled across the recipe and decided to give it a try. Through trial and error, along with her own discriminating taste added to the mix, the Espressotinis are now a great hit at this

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Dining Diversity



Tasty soups like the tomato based tortilla soup are delightful comfort foods. Also enjoyable is the ceviche, a medley of crunchy vegetables and seafood and do not forget to indulge in Caliente's famous margaritas!

Caliente

Through the years, mothers and grandmothers have passed down recipes for their tasty creations to their daughters while gathered in the family kitchen. With simple ingredients and whatever they had on hand, delectable and scrumptious meals were prepared.

If you are craving a home-cooked meal that will excite your taste buds, then treat yourself to the new flavors and secret family ingredients at Caliente. Located on the beach in the heart of San Pedro at the Spindrift Ho-

tel, Caliente offers stunning views of the Caribbean Sea when dining outside from one of their spacious patios. Or, enjoy the festive Mexican decor when dining inside.

Caribbean/Mexican cooking is not only flavorful, but flexible. While island cooking relies on basic ingredients cooked in simple ways, this innovative combination has made this restaurant a truly unique experience that leaves patrons coming for more. Their traditional foods, unique dishes and exotic recipes are a few reasons why Caliente restaurant stands out from others.

What could complement a tasty libation better than a tart, spicy ceviche? And, Caliente has more than you bargained for! Regular customers love the dishes served during lunch and dinner, whether it is poultry, seafood, meats or simply a delicious appetizer to complement Caliente's supreme margaritas.


Caliente – the place where Caribbean dishes with a Mexican flair are created daily.

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San Pablo (U3) This parcel is located right on the canal with direct water access to the San Pedro Lagoon. Includes dock, bodega and water/electric meters. Excellent investment at only \$65,000 U.S.
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Language can link us with other cultures, no matter how foreign the tongue may be. In an effort to share this form of communication with our audience, *The San Pedro Sun* proudly presents – Words of the Week.




WORD OF THE WEEK

This week, we will present a few phrases in English and give you their Creole and Spanish translations.

Special thanks to Sylvana Woods for her help with the Creole translations. Enjoy!!!

English	Where are we going?
Creole	Da wehpaa wi gwehn?
Spanish	¿Adonde vas?
English	Come help us! Fire!
Creole	Unu kohn help wi! Faiya!
Spanish	¡Fuego! ¡Vengan ayudarnos!
English	Would you come with me, please?
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Casey and Lauren Trejo stop by Island Perk to enjoy a Mocha Frappuccino.

quaint and cozy coffee corner.

Among the various Espressotini's the "must try" are: The Mocha is an all time favorite with its perfect taste blend. How about trying the After Eight Mint? Fashioned like the after-dinner mint,

the After Eight Mint is a delicious chocolate mint cocktail that one simply must try. It's perfect as a tasty dessert as well. Mixed with a touch of Vanilla Vodka and Bailey's Irish Crème, the Creamy Dreamy truly delights the

taste buds. Once the vanilla vodka is mixed with Orange, you get the unique taste of the French Kiss. An instant hit is The Belizean, a savory blend of Rumpope and Coffee Rum, while the Coffee Toffee has a subtle hint of bananas and butterscotch. These, among the many other Espressotinis – not to mention the ones still being created, are definitely making Island Perk a truly perfect hang out spot.

Island Perk is also using their non-alcoholic flavorings to make Italian sodas for the kids. By mixing soda water with the flavoring of their choice these sodas are a huge hit among the young ones. Certainly there are many things to look forward to when visiting Island Perk.

Island Perk also has a stocked bar selling your favorite mixed drinks. Something refreshing might be just what you need and they offer just that. Always aiming to please, Island Perk has rum punches, panty rippers and even draft beer among the many items to chose from.

Owner Coleen Creeden along with husband Rick Bushong first arrived in San Pedro Town to enjoy their honeymoon in 1993. Since then, they fell in love with the area and knew they would be back to live on the island. In 2000, the couple bought property and has now finally made the move. When asked as to the choice of business, Coleen stated, "When I visited I was always looking for iced coffees. I couldn't find it so I figured other people would be searching for it as well." The couple, from the San Francisco Bay Area, has many plans for this new venture. Among them of course is to expand on their already existing drink list. With the addition of mini-treats to munch on while having your desired drink will definitely attract many more people.

Visit Island Perk today, it will undoubtedly be one of your preferred hang out spots on the island.

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Belize Tourism Industry Association (BTIA) - 227-5717.
San Pedro Tourist Guide Association 226-2391.

Church Services

San Pedro Roman Catholic Church
 Sun. Mass: 9 a.m. English; 11 a.m. Children's; 7:30 p.m. Spanish; Sat.: Confessions 5-7 p.m; Mass or Communion Service every night at 7:30 p.m.
Living Word Church Service Sun. 10:45 a.m. Bible study Mon. 7:30 p.m. We do Christian charity work. 226-2950.

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Lighthouse Christian Radio - 101.3 FM. 226-4673, Cor. Buccaneer & Pescador Drive.

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Police 226-2022
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Dr. Lerida Rodriguez: 226-2197 or cell 620-1974

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Hyperbaric Chamber - 226-2851, Dr. Otto Rodriguez - 600-0287 or 226-2854. Antonia Guerrero - 600-5475 or 206-2152. Eleazar Portillo - 610-4560 or 226-3195.

San Pedro Polyclinic II - 226-2536. 8-12 and 2-5, Mon. to Fri. Emergencies 226-2555/2918 or 606-3864.

Ambergris Hopes Clinic - 226-2660, Emergencies: 606-2316

US Embassy - 227-7161

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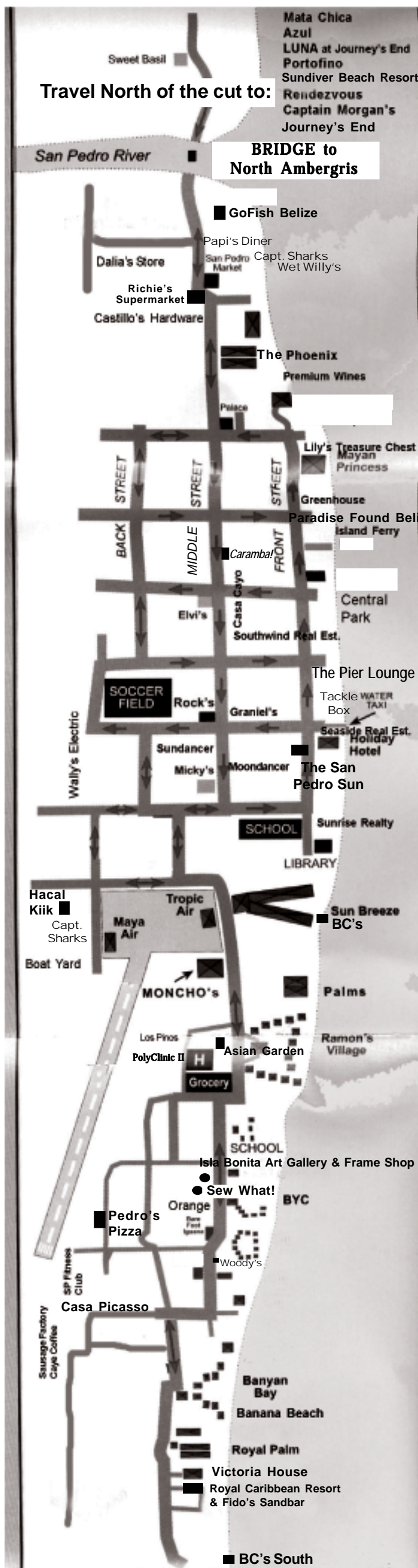
Miscellaneous

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While in San Pedro, a definite must eat at is Papi's Diner!

Papi's Diner

When in San Pedro, a restaurant that is a "must eat at" is Papi's Diner. Located in the outskirts of town, Papi's Diner is a stone's throw away from the

San Pedro High School; it is surely a place worth the extra walk.

Breakfast choices are endless with American or Belizean Breakfasts served with tortilla or fried jack (flour

tortilla dough deep fried), refried beans and ham or bacon. French toast, pancakes or do you need an omelette? Papi's always aims to please.

Lunch and dinner are filled with options for a filling meal complete with appetizer and dessert. Start your meal with a delicious ceviche; conch, shrimp or combo, served with homemade, fresh tortilla chips. Or, bite into some chicken fingers served with a homemade, delicious cocktail sauce or fish fingers with a cold and tasty tartar sauce. Salads are always an alternative as well. Try our plain garden salads or chicken, seafood or chef's salad, all topped with delectable honey mustard dressing, straight from Papi's kitchen.

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San Pedro Street Treats

One of the features of life in tropical destinations like San Pedro and other parts of the Caribbean is the sale of in-season tropical fruits, vegetables, candy treats and home made pastries by road-side or street vendors. Usually, they occupy a very small plot of place. In the corner of a street or in any strategic spot along the street where they usually offer special warm dishes, fresh fruits/vegetables, candy treats and much more. During the year, it is a common occurrence to see or spot these vendors making a living by providing us with the very best selection of their produce. Walking the streets of San Pedro, one can take a look at a variety of yummy treats that are on sale, but do we know most of what they are selling? The Sun, took it to the streets to visit the many local street vendors and find out about the yummy treats they offer. Here is what we found out!

The Cashew



The vibrant yellow, orange and red skinned cashew are delicious fresh from the tree. It's sweet yet tart flavor is unique and enjoyed by many.

One of Belize's well known and most popular fruit has got to be the Cashew fruit. Cashew and cashew nut lovers can testify that these are one of a kind and are a superb treat for a quick snack on the go, it is even that significant to locals that every year Crooked Tree in the Belize District hosts its Cashew Fest where cashew is in abundance. This week, *The Sun* features the fruit, its uses, how it is enjoyed and how the nuts are processed.

The cashew tree, *Anacardium occidentale*, or *marañon* in Spanish-speaking countries is generally bushy, and low-branched which may reach 35 feet in height and width. Its leaves, mainly in terminal clusters, are oblong-oval four to eight inches long and two to four inches wide, and leathery. The Cashew fruit is vibrant yellow, orange or red with waxy smooth skins enclosing plump, juicy, fibrous, astringent acid to sub-acid stringy pulp. The taste of the sweet yet tart juice that squirts when one bites into a cashew, slightly dries one's

throat and leaves its tell-tale aroma on the breath.

Every part of the cashew tree can be used: the root is a cleanser (purgative) while the light, water resistant bark is used to make canoes; the antibiotic property of the fruit juice, which is also rich in vi-

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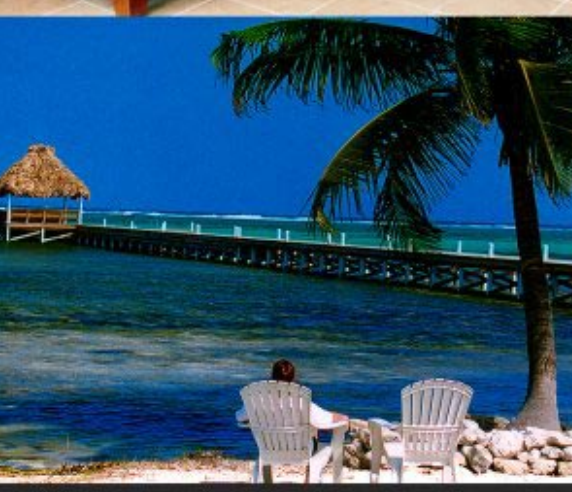
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tamin C, cures symptoms of the common cold, sore throat, flu and dysentery; the fruit itself treats premature aging of the skin and the nut alleviates cough, hiccup, depression and lowers blood cholesterol; the gum from the fruit stems is a natural repellent against insects and ants while the oil in the shell of the nut is used commercially for varnish, paints, shampoos and conditioners.

Here in Belize, we go the extra mile to prove how much of a money generating crop the Cashew really is by hosting a Cashew Festival that involves, well you guessed it, Cashews. The Cashew Festival held in Crooked Tree in the Belize District is an annual function held the first weekend in May. The festival celebrates the beginning of the Cashew Nut harvest in the village. During the festival, cashews are used to make jelly, cakes, juices, and wines. Crooked Tree has always been "cashew country" but only in recent years has cashew come to be seen as a sustainable, income generating crop. Also common to all yards in Crooked Tree are cashew trees, which resemble Christmas trees with their red, orange, pink, yellow and green appendages illuminated by the sun. There are so many cashew trees that the air gets saturated with their distinct fragrance.

The process of making the nuts so it can be consumed is an intensive prepa-

ration process. First the seeds are roasted in metal pots of which the bottoms are punctured to allow for the highly caustic cashew nut oil to drain. After a few minutes of stirring and avoiding the irritating fumes, the nuts are removed from the fire and left to cool. Each is then cracked individually before it can be baked. After 30 minutes in the oven, the nuts are left to cool for the second time before being shelled and bagged for sale. But with the cashew fruit itself, nothing is wasted; the ripened cashews are plucked from the tree and the stalk or peduncle is removed to make stewed cashew, preserve, jam or syrup. The stewed cashew can then be used for cookies or cakes. The cashew nuts, which are the true cashew fruits, can be used to make fudge and other pastries, cashew spread or cashew butter while the refreshing cashew juice is the precursor of the ever popular anti-depression agent cashew wine. Of course



Nothing is wasted! Cashew nuts are a crunchy treat and the wine is commonly sold in commercial markets.

villagers who in recent years have begun supplying cashew wine to a local distillery would cringe at the thought of losing the more profitable barrel of wine to vinegar.

The fruit is not a common fruit here in San Pedro but the nuts are popular and sold at several stores and fruit stalls around the island. Join us next time as we feature yet another island street treat.

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Wolfe's Woofers by Dennis Wolfe

Intelligence Test

"Hey, Don," I said. "How're you doing?"

"Pretty good," Don said. "What's going on? Who's the guy with the crowd of people around him?"

He pointed toward the corner of BC's Bar that I had just left.

"Oh, he's a famous psychiatrist from New York," I said. "He was explaining how a psychiatrist can usually tell a person's mental condition just by asking two simple questions."

"It's true?" Don asked.

"He says they can," I told him. "I asked him to try it on me. For the first question, he asked me what would happen to me if he poked one of my eyes out."

"What did you tell him?" Don asked.

"I told him I would be half blind. Then he asked what would happen if he poked both my eyes out and I told him I would be completely blind. He said that from my answers he can tell that my reasoning ability is sound so I am probably mentally stable."

"Hey, those is good questions," Don said. "I may try having him ask me some."

"I don't know about that," I said. "I don't know if a standard intelligence tests work with Cajuns."

I returned from the bathroom just in time to hear the doctor say, "O.K. Mr. Seruntine. For your first question I would ask; what would happen to you if I cut off one of your ears?"

Don thought about it for a minute and then said, "Dat would make me half blin'."

The doctor looked a little puzzled.

"Uh. O.K." he said. "What would happen to you if I cut off the other ear?"

"Den I would be total blin'," Don said.

Now the doctor looked completely mystified.

"Mr. Seruntine," he said. "Can you explain why that would make you blind?"

"Well, hell, Doc," Don said. "My dam' hat would fall over my eyes."

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Trivia Tidbits

*Raw broccoli, cup for cup, has twice as much vitamin C as an orange and almost as much calcium as milk.

*The word SILENT contains exactly the same letters as the word LISTEN.

*The gastric juices of a snake can digest bones and teeth — but not fur or hair.

*The Salto Alto (Angel Falls) in Venezuela is the highest waterfall known. It is more than twenty times higher than Niagara.

*The mineral content, porosity, and general makeup of human bone is nearly identical to some species of South Pacific coral. The two are so alike that plastic surgeons are using the coral to replace lost human bone in facial reconstructions.

*Each year, more than 300,000 American teenagers become afflicted with some form of venereal disease.

*A donkey is an "ass," but an ass is not always a donkey. The word "ass" refers to several hoofed mammals of the genus Equus, including the Onager.

*In 1918 and 1919, a world epidemic of simple influenza killed 20 million people in the United States and Europe.

*The average worker in Japan reportedly takes only half of his/her earned vacation time each year.

*The Secret Service's code name for Barbara Bush was "Tranquility." President Bush was known as "Timberwolf."

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